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Letter dated 21 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 5 December 2011 (A/66/585-S/2011/755), I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 1 November to 30 November 2011, as follows.

On 1 November 2011, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 2 November 2011, two CN-235, two F-4, one C-130, one Cougar and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 4 November 2011, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 11 November 2011, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 11 and 12 November 2011, two C-160, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 14 November 2011, one F-16 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 15 November 2011, one F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 16 November 2011, four F-16, two C-160, one C-650, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

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On 17 November 2011, six F-16, one C-160, and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 18 and 19 November 2011, one B-200, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 23 November 2011, one CN-235, six F-16, one B-200, one C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations nine times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 24 November 2011, two CN-235, two F-16, two Cougar and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 25 November 2011, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 29 November 2011, one F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 30 November 2011, one F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the continuing violations by Turkey of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and call for their immediate cessation.

These systematic abuses by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus manifestly violate international law and air traffic regulations and seriously jeopardize the safety of international aviation in the region. Such actions are particularly disconcerting in the context of the recent military threats by Turkey against the Republic of Cyprus, related to activity in my country's exclusive economic zone, as well as recent statements by high-ranking Turkish officials threatening annexation of the occupied part of Cyprus.

We would like to reiterate our call to the Government of Turkey to abide by the Charter of the United Nations and its international obligations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all States Members of the United Nations.

In the context of ongoing negotiations in search of a lasting and peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem, in line with international legality, we call upon Turkey to act in a constructive spirit and substantially support the efforts aimed at reaching a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the agreed basis for such a solution, endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Minas A. **Hadjimichael**